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The architectural grand tour revisited

In 2003, Boston designer Bradley Shanks was honored with the Rotch Travelling Scholarship, the $35,000 grant that annually enables a young design professional to travel the world for a year in order to augment profoundly the young designer's education and early work experience.

On **January 18**, Shanks, now with William Rawn Associates in Boston, comes to the BSA Lecture Series at the Boston Public Library with a visual and verbal account of his 10-month journey through Brazil, Morocco, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, and the Philippines.

Planning to shape his journey as "a nomadic meditation" on emerging vernacular architecture, Shanks examined both the most celebrated and the most ordinary structures in the world. In his January 18 presentation at the BPL, Shanks takes us inside what he describes as "both illustrious structures and humble shelters, an amazingly diverse array of beautiful spaces that represent the heights of human achievement." [The photo of a home in the Philippines (above) was made by Bradley Shanks.]

Shanks' presentation on January 18 begins at 6:00 pm in the BPL's Rabb Lecture Hall in Copley Square. There is no charge and all are welcome.

BSA tour to Russia is this summer

St. Petersburg, Moscow, and Novgorod are the principal destinations of the BSA-sponsored tour to Russia this summer. We depart on July 20 for a 10-day/9-night exploration designed for the BSA by Red October USA, the Russia-based tour developer and manager. For details, e-mail Mike Finn, Red October's U.S. representative, at *mike@redoctober.us*.

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Date/Time	Event	Location/Sponsor	Cost/RSVP
through January 31 M–F, 9:00 am–5:00 pm	**"What Remains"** — an exhibit of Christian Waeber's haunting nighttime photos of construction around Boston complemented by images of ancient buildings in his native Switzerland (see p. 7)	The Architects Building	Free
January 10 7:00–9:00 pm	**"Conversations on Architecture"** — a monthly series of discussions of design with leading young practitioners and educators; this month's guest is Brian Healy AIA (see p. 3)	The Architects Building	For reservation details, see p. 3
January 12 6:00–8:30 pm	**"Reception for Corporate and Professional Affiliates"** — the annual reception hosted by the BSA president for BSA Corporate Affiliate and Professional Affiliate members (see p. 4)	The Architects Building	For reservation details, see p. 4
January 14 8:00 am–5:00 pm	**"Norman Dorf is back"** — the BSA's continuing series of ARE training sessions with Norman Dorf AIA resumes this month (see p. 6)	Boston (see p. 6)	For registration details, see p. 6
January 17 6:00–8:00 pm	**"What to Wear: Dressing for Success"** — the BSA Women in Design Network's monthly series of 'Conversations' this month examines the relationship between image and success (see p. 4)	The Architects Building	For reservation details, see p. 4
January 18 6:00–7:30 pm	**"The Architectural Grand Tour Revisited"** — the BSA Lecture Series presentation with Boston designer and Rotch Scholar Bradley Shanks (see p. 1)	Boston Public Library	Free
January 19	**"Lorman/BSA Workshop Series"** — the first of four building industry workshops provided by Lorman Education Services and sponsored by the BSA (see p. 3)	Venue varies (see p. 3)	For registration and other details, see p. 3
January 24 8:00–10:00 am	**"Private-Sector Development"** — the first in a monthly series of BSA seminars focusing on design and development in the private sector (see p. 5)	The Architects Building	For registration details, see p. 5

Who should lead the BSA? Whom should we honor?

The annual BSA Leadership & Honors Poll is now online. This survey solicits members' and allies' recommendations of individuals the BSA Nominating Committee should consider for the BSA board of directors and other elective offices this year. In addition, the survey invites recommendations of individuals, organizations and projects for a variety of BSA and national AIA honors and awards. All readers — members and nonmembers — are invited to complete and return the survey form now... the deadline is **January 25**. To offer your recommendations, visit *architects.org/quick_links* and click on 'Leadership & Honors Poll'... or request a hardcopy of the document by e-mailing Erika St. Peter at the BSA (*espeter@architects.org*/617-951-1433x221).

Jane Weinzapfel FAIA, President

Architects and allies enjoy new PD/CE option

This month the BSA inaugurates a new collaboration with Lorman Education Services designed to provide architects and other building industry professionals with access to a broad range of professional-development/continuing-education opportunities in New England.

Lorman Education Services, which has been providing professional-development opportunities throughout the nation for many years, begins the collaboration with the BSA this month with four workshops:

- "Neighborhood Planning and Design in Massachusetts" on **January 17** in Boston (workshop leaders include Deborah Goddard of Urban Edge, Angus Jennings of the Concord Square Development Co., Larry Koff AICP or Larry Koff & Associates, and Anne McKinnon AICP of Howard/Stein-Hudson Associates)
- "AIA Contracts in Connecticut" on **January 20** in Hartford (workshop leaders are Dan Haynes and Douglas Poulin of Pepe & Hazard LLP)
- "The Fundamentals of Construction Contracts: Understanding the Issues in New Hampshire" on **January 24** in Manchester NH (workshop leaders include Richard Burnham of Trauner Consulting Services and Richard Nelson and Michael McInerny of Nelson, Kinder, Mosseau & Saturley PC)
- "Comprehensive Construction Law in Massachusetts" on **January 27** in Boston (workshop leaders include Scott Aftuck and David McGlone of Rubin and Rudman LLP).

For workshop details and to register for any of these workshops, see the hardcopy brochures mailed to BSA members and friends or visit *lorman.com* or call 866-352-9539 (be sure to cite this BSA priority code — 16903 — to enjoy the BSA registration fee discount). For more information on this BSA/Lorman collaboration, call Richard Fitzgerald at the BSA (617-951-1433x232).

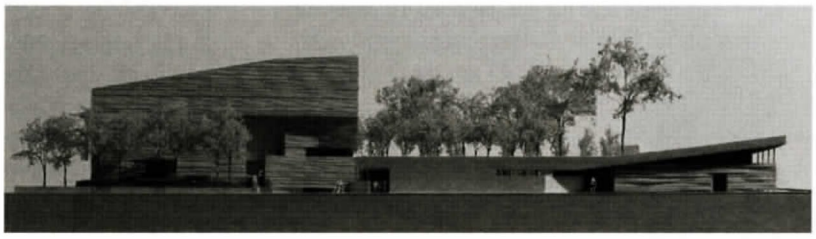
Brian Healy sparks this month's design 'conversation'

In "Conversations on Architecture", the annual series of design explorations, Boston's leading young architects, landscape architects, planners, designers and educators gather monthly at the BSA to explore the current state of architecture. The format is informal conversation sparked by a brief presentation by each month's guest provocateur.

The series, which began two years ago, has included presentations by some of our region's most talented professionals and is a terrific and always provocative forum for lively discussion, critiques, and knowledge-sharing.

Our guest provocateur this month on **January 10** is Brian Healy AIA, founding principal of Brian Healy Architects in Boston and 2004 president of the BSA. Healy will begin the conversation with a description of his design of the Mill Center for the Arts (pictured below), a mixed-use cultural center covering an entire city block in Hendersonville, North Carolina. Healy's design was chosen in an international competition sponsored by the NEA.

Brian Healy AIA



Architect/critic Robert Campbell FAIA is the guest host for this month's conversation.

Robert Campbell FAIA

Reservations are required for each of these 7:00–9:00 pm gatherings; space is limited. All members and nonmembers are welcome; the $15 fee ($10 for BSA members and $5 for full-time design students) covers the cost of ample food and drink. Each monthly gathering is limited to 60 on a first-come/first-served basis; reserve your seat now by downloading, completing and returning the registration form at *architects.org/reservations.* **Reservations for the January 10 program must reach the BSA no later than 9:30 am, January 9.**

Jane Weinzapfel FAIA, President

Ed. note: This series has included presentations by Preston Scott Cohen, urban planner Ken Greenberg, Rodolfo Machado, Assoc. AIA and Jorge Silvetti, Assoc. AIA, Sheila Kennedy AIA and Frano Violich AIA, John Fernandez AIA, Sarah Whiting and Ron Witte, Jonathan Levi FAIA, Nader Tehrani, Maryann Thompson AIA and landscape architects Doug Reed FASLA and Gary Hilderbrand FASLA, Tim Love AIA, Ted Szostkowski AIA, Alex Anmahian AIA and Nick Winton AIA, Bill Rawn FAIA, Meejin Yoon, Peter Rose AIA, Chris Reed ASLA, Mark Goulthorpe, and Ed Mitchell AIA.

Professional liability insurance is addressed this month

Chris Poole of Poole Professional Ltd., the Wakefield-based insurance advisors, comes to the BSA on **January 10** to provide an update on current liability insurance issues.

All members and nonmembers are welcome to join us for this meeting and each monthly meeting of the Finance Wizards, the BSA network of design-firm financial-management professionals. We meet at noon for lunch on the second Tuesday of every month. There is no charge but reservations are required so we order enough lunch for everyone. To reserve your seat for the January 10 meeting, write/call the BSA at *bsa@architects.org*/617-951-1433x221 no later than 9:30 am on the day of the meeting.

Peter Lambert, Chair
Finance Wizards

Are we dressing for success?

"Fashion is a statement: Are you aware of the message your clothes and appearance send? Do they project the presence of a leader?"

The BSA's Women in Design Network gathers on **January 17** for one of its special evening "Conversations" in which we explore the relation of image to success.

The charge for these Women in Design Network events is $15 ($10 for BSA members and $5 for full-time students) and reservations are required so we order enough beer/wine and pizza. To reserve your seat — and all members and nonmembers are welcome — complete and return the reservation form at *architects.org/reservations*.

Should we adopt the "new ADAAG"?

The number of buildings that are not compliant with state and federal accessibility standards is a problem for designers, owners, contractors, and users. Compliance is often made very difficult by the fact that there are several standards for accessible design, many of which overlap and conflict.

In an effort to begin addressing this problem, the Access Committee invites anyone interested to participate in this continuing discussion exploring the potential advantages of adopting the technical access provisions of IBC 2003 or the "new ADAAG" (2004) for Massachusetts.

We meet at the BSA on **January 25** from noon to 1:30 pm. All members and nonmembers — and all perspectives — are welcome. There is no charge for these monthly meetings but reservations are required so we order enough lunch for everyone; to reserve your seat, write/call the BSA at *bsa@architects.org*/617-951-1433x221 no later that 9:30 am on the day of the meeting.

Katherine McGuinness, Assoc. AIA, Chair
Access Committee

Building affordable housing in historic neighborhoods

On **January 20**, representatives of Trinity Financial join Michael Davis AIA of Bergmeyer Associates to discuss the opportunities and challenges of building affordable housing in an historic context; the case in point is Mattapan Heights.

All readers — members and nonmembers — are welcome to join us for this Housing Committee gathering at 8:30 am at the BSA — and at each of our meetings at the same time on the third Friday of each month. There is no charge and we provide the coffee and bagels.

For more information on the Housing Committee, e-mail me at *isuvanto@bergmeyer.com*.

Ilkka Suvanto AIA, Chair
Housing Committee

Michael Davis AIA

Carl Bieleflein

Ilkka Suvanto AIA

Affiliates reception is now

BSA president Jane Weinzapfel FAIA hosts the annual reception for BSA Corporate Affiliate and Professional Affiliate members on **January 12** beginning at 6:00 pm at the BSA.

This annual gathering welcomes contractors, engineers, interior designers, landscape architects, owners/clients, attorneys, accountants, marketing wizards, and a broad range of other allies who have taken advantage of Corporate Affiliate or Professional Affiliate membership in the BSA. The reception is an informal and delightful networking event.

All Corporate Affiliate and Professional Affiliate members able to join us should let us know by e-mailing/calling the BSA at *bsa@architects.org*/617-951-1433x221 by noon on January 11.

Jane Weinzapfel FAIA

Residential designers explore independent contractor law

On **January 17**, the Residential Design Committee hosts a special presentation for all members and nonmembers interested in the impact of the new independent-contractor statute in Massachusetts.

With this statute, the state legislature has revised the definition of an "independent contractor" and in so doing has places substantial restrictions on who may be properly classified as an independent contractor and expanding the definition of individuals who should be classified as employees. Many of those assumed to be independent contractors now may be your employees by law. The resulting professional liability issues are considerable for design firms and others accustomed to using independent contractors instead of hiring individuals as employees. Incorrectly classifying your contractors and employees now may expose design firms to significant civil and criminal penalties including substantial fines and even incarceration.

Our discussion of these issues on January 17 is led by attorney Michael Sams of the Boston law firm of Sherin and Lodgen. There is no charge and all members and nonmembers are welcome; we provide the coffee and bagels and we begin promptly at 8:00 am at the BSA.

Tom Downer AIA and Frank Shirley AIA, Co-Chairs
Residential Design Committee

Private-sector development is focus of new workshop series

On **January 24**, the BSA inaugurates a six-month series of morning seminars focusing on case studies of successful private-sector development.

Each month a developer or corporate client and her/his architect describe the details of a private-sector project they have successfully developed and designed during the current relatively weak real-estate market. The project's objectives, challenges, influences and results are described in these interactive seminars.

We begin on January 24 with a presentation by Cresset Group president Ed Nardi and Brian Healy Architects' principal Brian Healy AIA focusing on the design and development of SoHa, a mixed-use commercial and residential condominium project that includes the renovation of a 19th-century heavy timber building, a ramped underground parking garage, and a new six-storey residential building.

Conceived and moderated by real-estate advisor Robert Miller Jr., this workshop series reflects the reality that the overwhelming majority of real-estate is privately owned and privately developed. "The private sector is enormous," notes Miller, "and the design and development of private buildings is more challenging every year — a miscalculation of costs, market conditions, desired amenities, and the approval process can result in expensive overruns, delays, losses, foreclosure or bankruptcy." Miller is a principal of Great Cove Advisors and Sperry Van Ness/Great Cove Advisors, an independent affiliate of Sperry Van Ness International, the national real-estate investment sales firm.

Each two-hour seminar in this series begins at 8:00 am at the BSA. The cost for each session is $15 ($10 for BSA members) and all members and nonmembers are welcome. The reservation deadline for the January 24 session is noon on January 23. To reserve your seat, download, complete and return the reservation form at *architects.org/reservations.*

Jane Weinzapfel FAIA, President

Ed. note: The remaining five sessions in this series are scheduled for February 23, March 28, April 25, May 23 and June 22 — all at 8:00 am at the BSA. The development of urban complexes, biotech labs, new high-rise office buildings, converted factories and other private-sector real-estate developments are on the schedule.

Ed Nardi

Brian Healy AIA

Robert Miller Jr.

Young designers gather

Among the more active and exciting BSA networks is the Young Professionals Network (formerly the Young Architects Committee). The group includes intern-architects and other design professionals and allies in the building industry — all of whom gather at Boston Beer Works (112 Canal Street, Boston) on **January 5th** at 6:30 pm to enjoy a delightful evening among peers while also identifying issues of interest to us and the kinds of programs and services we'd like to see developed for us and by us this year.

If you are a young designer and want to join us, e-mail me at *eelaj@aol.com* for details — all members and nonmembers are welcome.

Jay Lee, Assoc. AIA
Young Professionals Network

Jay Lee, Assoc. AIA

New ARE success teams are forming now

Last year Elizabeth Spelman, Assoc. AIA of Steffian Bradley Architects (and former chair of the BSA Membership Committee) gathered together a group of six unregistered designers to form a beta study group to prepare for and take the Architect Registration Exam in only seven months. The group called itself the ARE Success Team.

This team concept is now a regular BSA service and success teams are formed every quarter. All intern architects (members and non-members) who are interested in exploring this possibility are invited to a kick-off meeting on **January 11** at 6:30 pm at The Architects Building (52 Broad Street, Boston). At this meeting, groups of 10 or fewer people will coalesce to develop a schedule and sequence for taking the exams. Each member of each group pledges to take all sections of the ARE as scheduled and makes a commitment to check in with other team members until all team members have completed all exams.

The BSA provides free study guides, access to preparatory workshops, and team meeting space as needed. For more information on the success teams, visit *architects.org/are_success* where you will find answers to frequently asked questions.

If you would like to know more and are interested in participating in an ARE Success Team, let us know you will be joining us on January 11 by writing/calling the *BSA* at *bsa@architects.org*/617-951-1433x221. With questions about this BSA service, write/call Kate Miller at the BSA (*kmiller@architects.org*/617-951-1433x234).

Wendy Riggs-Smith AIA, Chair
Membership Committee

Ed. note: The BSA's online store offers Kaplan study guides at 30% off the list price. Kaplan offers multiple guides for each section of the ARE including a book, a CD-ROM test bank, a Q & A handbook, and practice vignettes. You can review the materials and purchase them online at architects.org/store (under 'Books and Gifts' select the 'ARE Test Preparation' category).

ARE alert: Dorf is back

Renowned ARE preparation wizard Norman Dorf AIA returns to Boston on **January 14** to offer his popular Solutions seminar in the continuing series of such seminars sponsored by the BSA.

This is a one-day, eight-hour comprehensive review of all three graphic divisions of the ARE with problem-solving exercises throughout the day and in-depth analyses and preparation recommendations, a review of fatal errors, and time-saving techniques. Dorf also explains what you must know to pass the exam, how to improve your scores, and how each exam problem should be approached to arrive at an efficient, passing solution.

These popular Dorf sessions always sell out. Space is limited and registrations are honored on a first-come/first-served basis. Visit *architects.org/are_success* to download a registration form. For more information on Dorf and his workshops and books, visit *are-solutions.com.*

Wendy Riggs-Smith AIA, Chair
Membership Committee

The Architecture Café!

Exactly one year ago, this newsletter carried a brief piece titled "The Architecture Cafe?" describing the BSA's intent to think of new design-related ways to use the street-level space in The Architects Building. In that article a year ago, we noted that one popular notion being considered was a use that combined architectural exhibits and related programing with a coffee shop.

It is now one year later — and the coffee shop is open for business. It is the FlatBlack Coffee Company ('flatblack' is the Australian term for espresso). The BSA has worked closely with FlatBlack owners Jeff Chatlos, David House, and Jennifer House to link the coffee shop's activity and interior to the architectural community. This new space was designed for FlatBlack by Michael Grant AIA of the Grant Studio in Boston. This is the second coffee shop for FlatBlack's owners; the original and still operating shop is in Dorchester Lower Mills across from the old Baker Chocolate Factory.

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Drop in for organic, shade-grown, free-trade coffee on your way to a BSA meeting, on your way to work, on your way home, or on your way to say good-bye to your former coffee shop.

CA

*The issue is construction administration on **January 13** when CA professionals gather to design a series of 2006 roundtable discussions of CA.*

Everyone with an interest in CA — members and nonmembers — is invited to join us for coffee and bagles at 8:00 am at the BSA on January 13.

BSA offers $75K in design research grants

In 2004 the BSA inaugurated an ambitious program to promote research in architecture. With a focus on design as research, this program encourages inquiry not only into specific research topics but also into how design itself — the design process and the results of design — constitutes research.

The BSA allocated $65,000 for the first round of grants in 2004 in amounts up to $10,000 for individuals, collaborative teams or organizations and up to $2,000 for students. In 2005 we increased the grant amount available to $75,000 and once again this year the BSA is offering up $75,000 in research grants. The application guidelines for this year's program — and abstracts and/or summaries of the projects funded and of all of the applications we received in the first two years of the program — are available at *architects.org/grants*; the application deadline is **February 10**.

Brian Healy AIA and Carol Burns AIA
Founding Co-Chairs, BSA Research Grants Program

"What Remains"

In an unusual photography exhibit now in The Architects Building, the dismantling of Boston's Central Artery in 2004 is contrasted to the enduring Romanesque churches of central Europe.

Fascinated by the passage of time, Swiss fine-art photographer Christian Waeber photographed extensively the removal of the Central Artery using exposure times of up to an hour and often photographing at night. The transience of the old elevated highway is viewed alongside what Waeber refers to as the "apparent eternalness" of the European churches built almost one thousand years ago. Serene images of these churches, printed in black-&-white on fine-art paper, oppose the bold colors and slick look of the demolition work in Boston.

The exhibit remains in The Architects Building until **January 31**.

Design competition focuses on housing and young designers

Finding affordable housing is, to no one's surprise, among the single most daunting challenges for young people who cannot afford to buy into the highly inflated housing markets in Boston and other urban centers.

To address this challenge, the BSA is administering a design competition that encourages students and recent graduates to address the complex issues involved in designing housing for young people with limited resources.

Developed and led by architect/educator Peter Wiederspahn AIA and Utile Inc. designer Susanne Schindler, the competition is designed to encourage innovative/imaginative/practical solutions to this singular challenge. The competition registration deadline is **February 17** and the call for entries is available at *architects.org*, click on 'Design awards programs'. Competition award-recipients' work will be exhibited at the BSA's Residential Design Convention and Tradeshow on April 5–6 in Boston.

For more information on this new competition, e-mail/call Alexandra Lee at the BSA (*alee@architects.org*/617-951-1433x225).

Jane Weinzapfel FAIA, President

What is the most beautiful project built in your town since 1995?

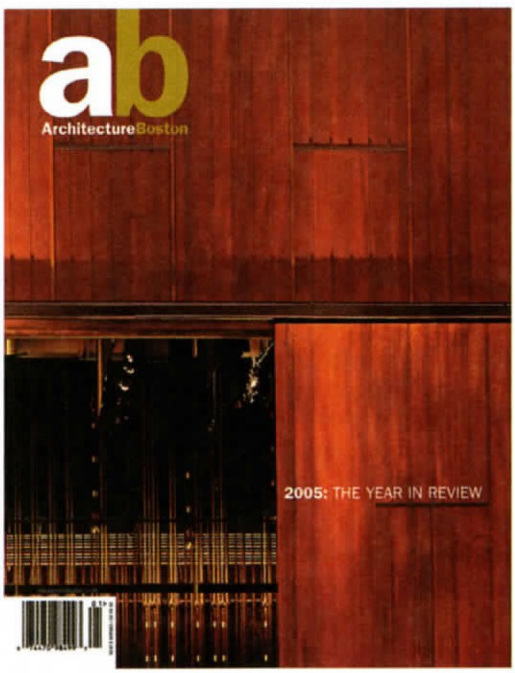
The City of Boston and the BSA annually present the Harleston Parker Medal to the designers of the most beautiful project built in the last decade in the 36 cities and towns in the Greater Boston/MDC area.

Everyone reading this sentence is invited to nominate one or more projects in this region for this award. Any building or monument or similar structure is eligible; it does not matter who the architect is or was or how large or small the project is. For background information and guidelines on the award, visit *architects.org* and click on 'Design awards programs'.

ArchitectureBoston celebrates exceptional design

The sixth annual awards issue of *ArchitectureBoston* is being mailed to all BSA/AIA members in New England and New York and other *ArchitectureBoston* subscribers this month.

This special January/February issue focuses on well-designed projects recognized in the BSA's 2005 design awards program focusing on sustainable design, urban design, K–12 facilities, higher-education facilities, unbuilt architecture, socially responsible housing, the Harleston Parker Medal and, of course, the BSA Honor Awards for Design Excellence. This issue of the magazine also highlights other honors and awards earned in 2005 by Massachusetts architects and other individuals and organization. Other features in this issue — "2005: The Year in Review" — include a look at the fundamental shifts and challenges facing Boston's architecture schools, reviews of some notable buildings by Boston designers on roadtrips, and an interview with Joan Goody FAIA, recipient of the 2005 BSA Award of Honor.



Additional copies of this special annual issue may be ordered by writing/calling me at *psmith@architects.org*/617-951-1433x240 for details. If you are interested in writing for *ArchitectureBoston*, e-mail Elizabeth Padjen FAIA at *epadjen@architects.org*.

Pamela de Oliveira-Smith, Managing Editor
ArchitectureBoston

Design celebration draws a jubilant crowd

Over 500 architects, clients, contractors, engineers, interior designers, landscape architects, and other industry allies throughout New England and beyond gathered in Boston on November 17 for an extraordinary celebration of design marked by a multi-media visual extravaganza and a long and delightful evening of visual and gustatory pleasure.

This celebration was the annual finale of Build Boston, which this year registered over 14,700 building industry professionals for workshops, exhibits of exceptional design work by New England professionals, an exhibit hall packed with displays of new products and services, and 200 workshops focusing on the full range of design, practice and community-building issues. With waiting lists of would-be exhibitors, Build Boston celebrated its 21st anniversary and the result was a vibrant, exhilarating edition of this annual building industry extravaganza.

We had help

The design celebration was held in The Winter Garden and the adjacent vacant first floor of the World Trade Center East (designed by Shepley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott) directly opposite the Build Boston exhibit hall. Many BSA allies joined party-organizer Alexandra Lee, Hon. BSA to create an extraordinary party environment — of particular note was the generous support of visual artists Brian Knep and also Justin Manor, Eric Gunther and John Rothenberg of *small design firm* and *soso limited* whose delightful installations seduced party-goers as they entered the party space. The raw space was turned into a magical nighttime wonderland of art and architecture; Stefan Bold, Assoc. AIA of Cambridge Seven Associates was instrumental in the overall space design. Once again, Vanderweil Engineers was the prime sponsor of the evening and was joined this year by supporting sponsor Marc Truant & Associates.

The extraordinary multi-media display of scores of award-winning projects was the work of graphic designer Peter Tattlebaum of The Alexandre Group, which produced the CD containing images of all the award-winning projects in all BSA 2005 design awards programs. The magnificent array of food was designed and prepared by Max Ultimate Food. It was a memorable evening and I hope you will all join us for the next edition later this year on November 16 when Build Boston returns for the 22nd year.

Jane Weinzapfel FAIA, President

BrickBottom is subject of design competition

The City of Somerville (Massachusetts) and the BSA Urban Design Committee are inviting designers to participate in an international urban-design ideas competition — "Edge as Center: Envisioning the Post-industrial Landscape".

The competition challenges entrants to envision the future of a pivotal industrial area in Somerville known as the BrickBottom District. Urban-design schemes are solicited that conceptualize the ideas of neighborhood and infrastructure that accompany the redevelopment of large areas of underused industrial land.

As development proceeds north from Boston, including the $2-billion North Point development now underway in Cambridge, the BrickBottom District is poised for profound transformation. Given the site's current development momentum and future light-rail transit connection, coupled with existing physical and economic constraints, the competition asks entrants to imagine the future of the BrickBottom District in the contemporary urban context. Innovative urban visions for the area, along with more specific design interventions, will play a vital role in overcoming the complex hurdles to development, thus transforming this area in bold, optimistic ways that should benefit Somerville and its residents for generations.

A competition prize fund of $35,000 may be awarded to the winners at the discretion of the jury. Registration for the competition begins this month on January 12 and closes **March 31**. Competition entries are due May 26, 2006. For details, visit *architects.org/somerville* or e-mail Alexandra Lee at the BSA (*alee@architects.org*).

David Hacin AIA, Commissioner of Urban Design
BSA Board of Directors

Smart-growth 'toolkit' is here

Agriculture preservation, accessory dwelling units, brownfields reuse, Chapter 40R, district-improvement/tax-increment financing, inclusionary zoning, low-impact development, open-space residential design, traditional neighborhood development, transfer of development rights, transit-oriented development, and water resources are the 12 smart-growth techniques/issues the Commonwealth of Massachusetts says can be applied locally to increase municipal tax bases, promote economic development, and conserve land and water.

All of this is incorporated in the new Massachusetts Smart Growth Toolkit, a CD developed by the state's Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. The package includes slideshows, brochures, case studies, and model bylaws related to each of the techniques/issues listed above. The case studies include successful examples of these techniques in action, most of them in Massachusetts' urban and suburban settings.

The state's Smart Growth Technical Assistance Program may provide funding for the implementation of these packets in cities and towns and state officials will be travelling the state in the coming months to introduce the toolkit and to offer educational sessions on each of the techniques. For more information, visit *mass.gov/ocd*.

Parker Medal jury honors 'Building H' at Northeastern

At the BSA Annual Meeting last month, the membership voted to confer the 2005 Harleston Parker Medal for Architectural Excellence on Northeastern University's "Building H" (pictured here) designed by William Rawn Associates.

Alan Karchner

An awards event at Building H — now known as the College of Computer and Information Science and Residence — is planned for later this year. This month, the project is highlighted in the annual design awards issue of *ArchitectureBoston,* which is on the newstands now (and which also includes projects honored in all of the 2005 BSA design awards programs).

The jury that recommended Building H for this award was chaired by Alex Anmahian AIA (Anmahian Winton Architects) and included Marianne Ajemian, Esq. (Nutter McClennen & Fish), Nicholas Baume (Institute of Contemporary Art), David Eisen AIA (*Boston Herald*; Abacus Architects and Planners), Gary Hilderbrand FASLA (Reed Hilderbrand Associates/Landscape Architecture), George Metzger AIA (HMFH Architects; BSA 2005 president), Grant Rhode (GF Rhode Construction), Kairos Shen (Boston Redevelopment Authority), Joan Wickersham (novelist/essayist; *ArchitectureBoston* editorial board), and Kyu Sung Woo FAIA (Kyu Sung Woo Architect).

For more information on the Parker Medal, write/call Richard Fitzgerald at the BSA (*rfitzgerald@architects.org*/617-951-1433x232).

Jane Weinzapfel FAIA, President

Calls for entries: 2006 design awards programs, competitions, and juried exhibits

This year the BSA administers a variety of design competitions, juried exhibits, and design awards programs including a first-time program focusing specifically on the work of sole practitioners and small firms. The full schedule of this year's programs is as follows:

▲ **Rotch Travelling Scholarship** — the annual two-stage design competition with a $35,000 first prize; open to U.S. citizens under 35 with a degree from an accredited U.S. school of architecture and one year of full-time professional experience in a Massachusetts firm or a degree from an accredited Massachusetts school of architecture and one year of full-time professional experience in any architecture firm (application deadline is **January 3**)

▲ **Research Grants in Architecture** — the third annual BSA Research Grants program designed to expand the architectural knowledge base; grants may be made to individuals, collaborative teams, students or organizations/institutions; for details, visit *architects.org/grants* (application deadline is **February 10**; see the story on p. 7)

▲ **Small Firms/Small Projects** — a new program to be administered biennially invites sole practitioners and small firms headquartered in Massachusetts to submit projects built anywhere in the world and sole practitioners and small firms elsewhere in the world are invited to submit projects built in Massachusetts (entry deadline is **February 16**)

▲ **Young Designers/Students Housing Design Competition** — a design ideas competition to which architecture students and recent architecture graduates submit designs for affordable housing that result from an examination of the complex issues of designing housing for young people who lack the resources to buy in highly inflated markets (registration deadline is **February 17**; entry deadline is **March 17**)

▲ **Harleston Parker Medal** (sponsored by the BSA and the City of Boston) — the annual effort to identify "the single most beautiful" building or other structure built in the MDC area in the past 10 years; nominations need include only the name and address of the project and, if known, the architect (nomination deadline is **February 21** and nominations may be e-mailed to Richard Fitzgerald at the BSA at *rfitzgerald@architects.org*); see stories on pages 7 & 9

▲ **Healthcare Facilities Design** — healthcare facilities anywhere in the world designed by any New England architect are eligible and architects elsewhere in the world may submit projects built in New England (entry deadline is **March 14**)

▲ **BrickBottom Design Ideas Competition** (co-sponsored by the City of Somerville, Massachusetts and the BSA Urban Design Committee) — an international urban-design ideas competition that challenges entrants to envision the future of a pivotal industrial area in a Massachusetts city; the competition includes a $35,000 prize fund (registration deadline is **March 31**; entry deadline is **May 26**)

▲ **Accessible Design Awards** (co-sponsored by the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board and the BSA Access Committee) — the focus is on new or renovated buildings or other facilities that are accessible for persons of all abilities; designers, clients, community groups, public agencies and anyone else in the world may submit specific access solutions located/built in Massachusetts (entry deadline is **April 3**)

▲ **Interior Architecture/Interior Design** (sponsored by the BSA and co-sponsored by IIDA and ASID) — New England architects and interior designers are invited to submit work they have done throughout the world and architects and interior designers throughout the world are invited to submit New England projects (entry deadline is **April 21**)

▲ **Housing Design** (co-sponsored by the AIA New York Chapter) — architects in New England and New York may submit housing projects throughout the world and architects throughout the world may submit New England and New York work (entry deadline is **May 19**)

▲ **Campus Planning** (sponsored by the BSA/SCUP Roundtable) — New England architects and planners are invited to submit college and university projects completed throughout the world and architects and planners throughout the world are invited to submit New England projects (entry deadline is **June 9**)

▲ **Unbuilt Architecture** — architects, architectural educators and architecture students throughout the world are invited to submit real or theoretical projects (entry deadline is **June 26**)

▲ **Honor Awards for Design Excellence** — the annual BSA honor awards program (co-sponsored each year by Poole Professional Ltd. and DPIC) invites submissions of projects of any type anywhere in the world designed by Massachusetts architects and also invites architects throughout the world to submit projects built in Massachusetts (entry deadline is **July 6**)

*In addition to these design awards programs, the BSA administers annual Build Boston juried exhibits by New England architects, interior designers and landscape architects. The deadline for these juried submissions is **August 1**.*

The calls for entries for all of these programs are on the web at *architects.org* (click on 'Design awards programs').

Residential Design 2006 is nigh

In April of last year, the BSA and its Build Boston collaborators launched a new, smaller version of Build Boston focusing specifically on residential design. "Build Boston's Spring Residential Design Convention and Tradeshow" was and is a response to the long-term interest of BSA members and allies in the New England building industry who have imagined an event such as Build Boston with a residential focus.

Over 7,000 architects, contractors, interior designers, landscape architects and other industry professionals registered for this inaugural two-day event last April and responded enthusiastically to the comprehensive workshop programs, product and material exhibits, and special events such as the introduction of the new, national Congress of Residential Architecture and the now annual breakfast hosted by the BSA's Small Firms Committee.

This is now an annual event and once again there will be a special segment of each day open to homeowners and other prospective clients interested in residential design opportunities. Mark your calendar now for **April 5 & 6**.

For tradeshow exhibit, sponsorship and advertising opportunities, call Brian Keefe at 781-335-4072.

Jane Weinzapfel FAIA, President

Architects shaping policy in cities and towns

Are you playing a role in your community now as a member of a planning board, an historic district commission, your zoning board of appeals, a local designer selection committee?

The BSA is seeking to identify architects and other design professionals serving in volunteer capacities on municipal boards/committees, on boards of directors of affiliated organizations, and those involved in local planning and design initiatives.

If you are currently engaged in this type of activity, please e-mail Alexandra Lee at the BSA (*alee@architects.org*) with a brief description of your role, the agency/organization for which you are volunteering, your city or town, your term of office in this role and a brief description of your responsibilities. We are hoping to collect this information by the end of this month so we can begin to develop programs, services or other kinds of assistance that the BSA might provide to all design professionals serving in local volunteer capacities throughout Massachusetts.

New community design resource emerges in Boston

On January 28 of last year, more than 20 design professionals, students, educators, community-service providers, housing advocates, builders, developers, and others gathered at the BSA to address this question: What could a community design center do for Boston?

Using information from community design centers in New York and Pittsburgh as a starting point, this brainstorming effort resulted in a wealth of potential activities and opportunities for such a resource in Boston including education, training, serving as a clearinghouse for designers and for community residents, and engaging in real projects. The overarching themes in this discussion were diversity, inclusiveness, sustainability, economic justice, and a participatory process.

By March, 10 individuals had been recruited to form what was temporarily called the Boston Community Design Center steering committee; this group assumed the task of distilling the ideas and information generated at the January meeting in order to shape a coherent foundation for a new organization. Steering committee members ventured to New York for the annual Association of Community Design conference, gathered community design references around the nation, and invited speakers to describe their community design experience at our meetings.

Throughout last summer, subgroups met to draft a mission statement and design an organizational structure for this new community resource. In October, the steering committee celebrated the completion of its work and the establishment of the Community Design Resource Center (CDRC) of Boston, which is charged to provide services and resources that assist communities in envisioning, advocating, and implementing high-quality design solutions and ensuring equal access to healthy, sustainable built environments.

The steering committee has retained Brandy H.M. Brooks to serve as its first consulting director; Brooks works for the Loheed Design Partnership in Somerville and is an architectural degree candidate at the Boston Architectural Center (BAC). Until the CDRC becomes self-supporting, Brooks' fee and the operating expenses of the new CDRC are being shared equally by the BSA and the Boston Architectural Center, the two principal institutional collaborators in this effort.

For more information on the CDRC, e-mail Brooks at *brandy.brooks@rcn.com*.

Jane Weinzapfel FAIA, President

Raymond Hettinger

Brandy Brooks

Architects, contractors, and clients train young designers

March 9 is the registration deadline for the eighth annual class in the BSA's Young Designers Professional Development Institute (YDPDI), which begins in March 2006 and runs through February 2007. This is the program that brings young designers together for four hours each month for 12 months of training in basic office and practice skills.

This unique training opportunity has proved to be an effective means of helping young designers make the transition from school to work. Over the course of the year, the young designers enrolled in this program are taught basic writing skills, project management skills, presentation skills, finance and budgeting management, and a good deal more. Classes are limited to 20. For details on the class beginning in March, write/call the BSA at 617-951-1433x221/ *bsa@architects.org*.

To enrich this program, the BSA several years ago formed alliances with Associated General Contractors of Massachusetts and with the New England Chapter of CoreNet Global, the professional association of corporate real-estate managers. This has enabled young contractors and corporate real-estate professionals to participate in the YDPDI programs. The focus of these collaborative programs is partnering and negotiation skills.

The YDPDI program was honored in 2005 by the national AIA, which described the BSA's engagement of allied professionals such as young contractors and clients in the program as "a stroke of genius".

For more information on YDPDI, write program director Bill Ronco at *wronco@ gatheringpace.com*.

Only a few Fridays are left before it is too late

March 24 is the deadline for the title, description and all panelists' names for the workshop you wish you had done at Build Boston a few months ago and now realize you may be able to do for Build Boston this year (November 14–16). The deadline is March 24 and that is only eight Fridays from the end of this month. To propose a workshop, visit the web at *architects.org/proposals,* enter all the required information and submit your proposal online.

Architects honor Senate leader

In November at Build Boston, the Massachusetts architectural community honored Massachusetts Senate Chair of Ways and Means Therese Murray for her thoughtful support of a broad range of urban design, smart growth and related livable communities initiatives.

Peter Urban

Sen. Therese Murray

Murray, a Democrat currently serving her seventh term representing the Plymouth and Barnstable District, was elected to her current position in 2003 and in 2005 was appointed chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

The FY2004 budget was the Senator's first budget as the chair of the Senate's Way and Means Committee. Her efforts helped to close a budget gap of almost $3 billion without raising taxes.

In the FY2005 budget, Senator Murray proposed to tackle some of the most pressing issues facing state government. Specifically, she recommended consolidation of the various Massachusetts' transportation agencies under one new agency, the establishment of early childhood education for all Massachusetts pre-schoolers, the creation of more affordable housing in the Commonwealth, and implementation of significant reforms in the state's healthcare system and the state's school building assistance program.

Over the last two decades, the AIA Massachusetts/ BSA Legislative Affairs Committee has worked closely with a number of legislative leaders on Beacon Hill and has developed relationships that have proved to be invaluable when seeking advice and support for legislative initiatives. The architectural community in Massachusetts has come to understand more fully the significant role legislators play in shaping the building industry and we urge architects and our allies to help us work with state legislators such as Senator Murray who are interested in enriching the natural and built environments, our communities, and our profession.

We are now planning our annual visit to Beacon Hill; it is May 9 and we urge all architects in Massachusetts to put that date in your calendar. It is a three-hour commitment that has enhanced architects' influence in public policy processes immeasurably.

The Legislative Affairs Committee meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 8:30 am at The Architects Building; however, this month we are hosting a special public policy strategy session in lieu of our monthly meeting. For details, write/call Alexandra Lee at the BSA (*alee@architects.org*/617-951-1433x225).

Russel Feldman AIA, Chair
Legislative Affairs Committee

Career Day rocked

The BSA's Career Day in Architecture and Design last October was the largest event in the 17-year history of this program. With over 500 high-school students, parents, guidance counselors and teachers participating, Career Day was once again at Wentworth Institute of Technology.

Thirty-three North American schools of architecture and design were represented by school officials with table-top exhibits and design professionals and students offered a variety of workshops to help high-school students choose a school and a career in design.

The schools participating in 2005 were the University of Arkansas, the BAC, California College of the Arts, The Cooper Union, Drexel University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Kansas State University, University of Maryland, Massachusetts College of Art, University of Miami, Miami University (Ohio), University of Michigan, Montana State University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, New England School of Art & Design at Suffolk University, New York Institute of Technology, Northeastern University, Norwich University, University of Pennsylvania, Pratt Institute, Rhode Island School of Design, Roger Williams University, Savannah College of Art and Design, University of Southern California, Syracuse University, Temple University, Texas Tech University, Tulane University, Washington University in St. Louis, University of Waterloo, Wentworth Institute of Technology, Woodbury University and Yestermorrow Design/ Build School. (If your college isn't among the list of schools represented, it should be next year.)

Hosted by Diane Beckley Miller AIA, former chair of the BSA's Young Architects Committee, this special day included a series of workshops on portfolio requirements, financing an education in design, choosing a school, what's it really like being in design school, how architects use CADD to design buildings, a day in the life of a green architect, careers in design and a day in the life of an architect, and tours of the Wentworth architecture studios.

Without the energy and active participation of the following generous souls who volunteered to work with Career Director Penny Mitchell as workshop speakers, tour guides and organizers, this event couldn't happen — David Chen, Associate AIA, Jonathan Taylor, Associate AIA, Carla Francazio, Associate AIA, Northeastern University students Nick Brown, Michelle Callinan and Bridgette Treado, BAC student Becky Boyer, numerous Wentworth Institute of Technology students, Harvard GSD students Mark Scott, I. Ching Lee and Visili Mattheos, Richard Moore AIA, Peter Fourtounis AIA, Mark Kalin FAIA, Michael Davis AIA, Martha Penzenik AIA, Daniel Tuberty AIA, William Finnerty AIA, Jeanne Finnerty ASID, Irving Weiner AIA, Jon Pate ASLA, Lisa Pembrook, Ann Snelling-Lee AIA, James Carr AIA, Chauncy Collins and Elizabeth Papp.

This is currently the only event of its kind held in the U.S. each year; the Chicago-area Career Day has recently (and unfortunately) been discontinued. For more information on this BSA program, write/call Alexandra Lee at the BSA (*alee@architects.org/* 617-951-1433x225).

Angela Watson AIA, Commission of Chapter Affairs
BSA Board of Directors

Industry librarians now in SLA

Librarians and related information professionals working in architecture, engineering and construction firms are now an "official caucus" within the Special Libraries Association (SLA), the century-old international association representing the interests of thousands of information professionals in over 80 countries. An SLA caucus — including the new Architecture, Building Engineering, Construction and Design (ABCD Caucus) — is an informal group within SLA intended to serve as a focus for the interaction of members who share a common interest. Interior designers, landscape architects, developers, public works professionals, historic preservation specialists, urban planners, urban designers, and real-estate professionals are all members of the new ABCD Caucus.

Among the most important elements of the ABCD Caucus is its discussion list and it is not necessary to be a member of SLA in order to join the discussion list, which you can do by visiting *http://lists.sla.org/cgi-bin2/admin_lyris.pl?enter=sla-kabc* and clicking on 'join sla-kabc'. Once you've joined the list, you can send messages to everyone on it by addressing it to *sla-kabc@lists.sla.org*. If you are interested in becoming a member, visit *sla.org* and click on 'membership'. With questions or comments, e-mail Virginia Sanchez (*vsanchez@bursil.com*) or Dennis Hamilton (*dennis.hamilton@kzf.com*).

Nora Zaldivar, Chair
Design Library Wizards

Ed. note: Former Design Library Wizards chair Rhonda Postrel of Shepley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott was a founding member of the ABCD Caucus. The Design Library Wizards meet for lunch at the BSA on the 4th Thursday of odd months and all are welcome. This month the network gathers at noon on ***January 26****; there is no charge but reservations are required so that we order enough lunch for everyone. To reserve your seat, e-mail/call the BSA at bsa@architects.org/ 617-951-1433x221 no later than 9:30 on the day of the meeting.*

What are we getting for our dues?

This ChapterLetter feature each month highlights one useful program/service/ activity our BSA dues help underwrite.

This month we draw special attention to the significant legislative and other public-policy initiatives designed to strengthen the design and construction industry in Massachusetts. We work closely with our state legislators in this effort, which is led by our Legislative Affairs Committee chaired by Russ Feldman AIA.

This is one more example of the kinds of services we help underwrite with our dues.

Jim Dunn CPA,
Assoc. AIA
BSA Treasurer

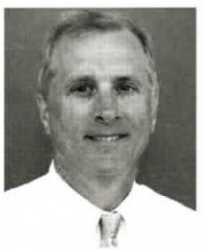
New trustees named to Foundation board

Five new industry and civic leaders have been named to the board of trustees of the Boston Foundation for Architecture.

These new trustees are Emil Frei (Payton Construction Corporation), Tom Keane, Hon. BSA (columnist for *The Boston Globe Magazine*), Jeremy Liu (Asian Community Development Corporation), Gretchen Schneider, Assoc. AIA (Smith College Department of Art; Rogers Marvel Architects), and Gail Sullivan AIA (Gail Sullivan Associates).

The 16-member board of trustees is led by an executive committee that includes Rob Radloff (chair), Peter Kuttner FAIA (vice-chair/chair-elect), Peter Madsen FAIA (treasurer), and Ron Ancrum (secretary).

For more information on the Foundation, visit *bfagrants.org* or write/call Richard Fitzgerald at *rfitzgerald@architects.org*/617-951-1433x232.



Emil Frei

Tom Keane, Hon. BSA

Jeremy Liu

Gretchen Schneider, Assoc. AIA

Rebecca Murphy

Gail Sullivan AIA

New England has new leaders

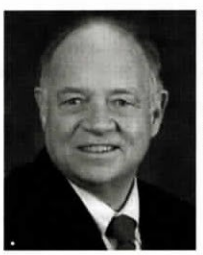
Greg Ames AIA, principal of Ames and Whitaker Architects in Connecticut has been elected president of AIA New England, the regional AIA component that includes the eight New England AIA chapters including the BSA, the Central and Western Massachusetts chapters, and the state chapters in Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. Ames was elected to this key regional role during the AIA New England Annual Conference in Concord, Massachusetts in September.

Russ Feldman AIA, principal of TBA Architects in Waltham, has been elected president of AIA Massachusetts, the statewide consortium that includes the BSA, the Central Massachusetts AIA Chapter and the Western Massachusetts AIA Chapter.

Martha Montgomery AIA of Burr and McCallum Architects in Williamstown has been elected president of the Western Massachusetts AIA Chapter.

Stephen Fleshman AIA of Stephen Fleshman Architects in Brimfield has been elected president of the Central Massachusetts Chapter of the AIA.

For more information on the structure of the AIA in our region and nationally, send requests with a 37¢ SASE to AIA Network/RF, BSA, 52 Broad St. Boston 02109.



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Greg Ames AIA

Russ Feldman AIA

Martha Montgomery AIA

Michael MacFadden

Stephen Fleshman AIA

BSA appoints new editorial board members

The continued success of *ArchitectureBoston*, the BSA's bimonthly ideas magazine, is attributable in large part to the extraordinary professionals who have served on the magazine's editorial board for the past seven years.

It is the monthly discussions of this volunteer board that provides editor Elizabeth Padjen FAIA and managing editor Pamela de Oliveira-Smith with much of the extraordinarily rich intellectual substance that shapes the short-term and long-term editorial and design strategies of the magazine. In past years, the editorial board also played a significant role in the redesign of the publication by reviewing market research data, discussing ideas for new editorial departments, and critiquing initial design ideas.

The editorial board is chaired by former BSA president Wilson Pollock FAIA and includes 17 other members who serve three-year terms. My colleagues on the BSA board of directors and I are pleased to report our appointment of these new editorial board members:

- Nancy Brennan (director of The Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway Conservancy)
- Matthew Bronski (engineer/designer/educator with Simpson Gumpertz & Heger)
- Shauna Gillies-Smith, RLA (director of Martha Schwartz Inc.'s U.S. office)
- George Metzger AIA (managing principal of HMFH Architects: 2005 BSA president)
- William Rawn III FAIA (principal of William Rawn Associates)
- George Thrush FAIA (chair of the Northeastern University department of architecture)

These new editorial board members join current members Alex Anmahian AIA, Hansy Better Barraza, Robert Brown IIDA, AIA, Caroline Fitzgerald P.E., John Hong AIA, David Luberoff, Mark Pasnik, Laura Solano, Joan Wickersham, Peter Vanderwarker and Meejin Yoon.

In addition to these appointments to the *ArchitectureBoston* editorial board, BSA director Richard Fitzgerald also notes that BSA director of operations Pamela de Oliveira-Smith recently was named managing editor of the magazine succeeding BSA deputy director Nancy Jenner, who now serves as the magazine's publisher.

Jane Weinzapfel FAIA, President

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George Thrush FAIA

Pamela de Oliveira-Smith

BSA launches an online members survey tool

Last year, Erin Hoffer AIA — then a BSA board member — initiated a series of short electronic surveys to learn more about members' perceptions of opportunities and needs to which the BSA might respond with enriched programs and services.

The first Member Pulse (as the new online survey tool is called) was crafted by the BSA Membership Committee and e-mailed to members in late September. The survey asked how you first learned about the BSA (most people heard about the BSA through their workplace), why you decided to join (professional development and networking were most frequently mentioned) and what you value most about your membership (the top two responses were, perhaps not surprisingly, professional development and networking).

Members also said the BSA most successfully addresses issues related to design excellence and practice/professional issues and also expressed interest in seeing more BSA programming outside of Boston, increased connections to local planning and zoning boards and public officials, and professional development and networking opportunities in local communities.

The BSA Membership Committee is analyzing all the survey responses and is focusing initially on local and regional programming opportunities. One successful model has been the professional development programs offered in Newton thanks to architect Mark Dooling AIA who works with the BSA to offer monthly programs in his Newton office. The BSA arranges speakers and promotes to the program to local architects.

The BSA's executive director and deputy director also recently met in Hyannis with two dozen Cape and Islands architects to address these same kinds of issues. If you have an office outside Boston with space to share with other local design and construction colleagues for professional development programs, write/call Richard Fitzgerald at the BSA (*rfitzgerald@architects.org*/617-951-1433x232). If you would like to join the Membership Committee discussions about how the BSA can be more active in the community in which you work or live, e-mail/call Kate Miller at the BSA (*kmiller@architects.org*/617-951-1433x227).

Angela Watson AIA, Commissioner of Chapter Affairs
BSA Board of Directors

Steinberg and Wiggins appointed to BSA board

Harvard GSD associate professor Marco Steinberg and Wentworth Institute of Technology architecture department head Glenn Wiggins AIA have been appointed by their respective schools to serve on the BSA board of directors as their schools' delegates.

Steinberg and Wiggins join BAC president Ted Landsmark, Assoc. AIA, MIT's Adèle Santos FAIA and Northeastern's George Thrush FAIA as representatives of the five Boston/Cambridge schools of architecture on the BSA board.

The balance of the 22-member board includes architects and allies who serve two-year terms in this BSA role and who are elected by the BSA membership.

For more information on these and other BSA governance issues, write/call Richard Fitzgerald at the BSA (*rfitzgerald@architects.org*/617-951-1433x232).

Jane Weinzapfel FAIA, President

Marco Steinberg

Glenn Wiggins AIA

Advice for the new BSA president

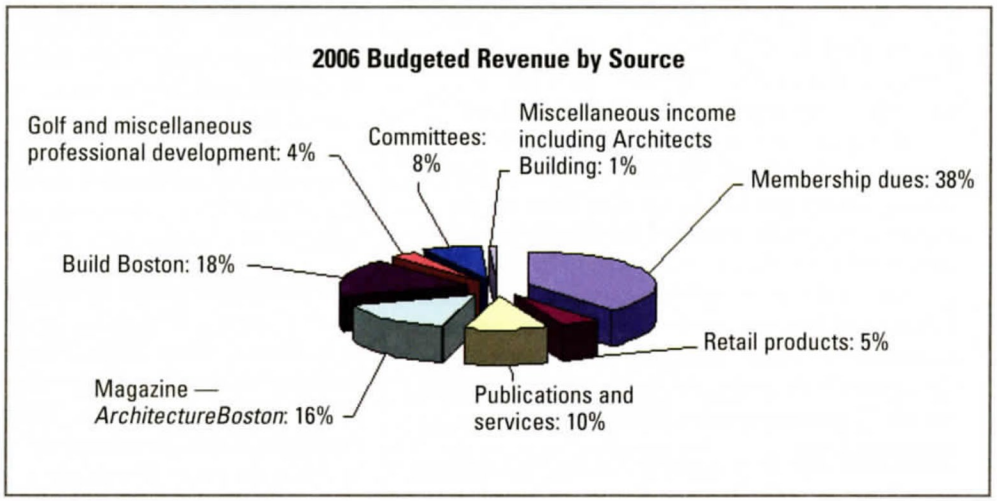
Peter Kuttner FAIA

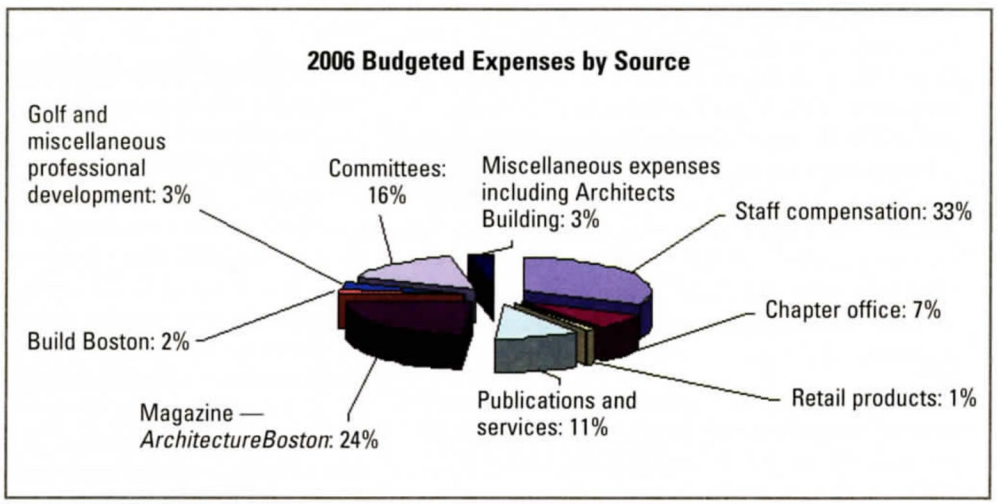
During Build Boston recently, new BSA president Jane Weinzapfel FAIA was the audience for advice from former BSA presidents (left to right) Rebecca Barnes FAIA, Robert Brown IIDA, AIA, David Dixon FAIA, Brian Healy AIA, and Peter Kuttner FAIA. (President Weinzapfel did not appear to be taking notes.)

Members adopt $4.4 million FY2006 operating budget

At the BSA Annual Meeting last month, members voted to adopt a Board-proposed operating budget of approximately $4.4 million for this fiscal year. Of special note were these budget elements:

- the continued growth of Build Boston, now in its 22nd year as one of the BSA's primary services for the building industry, and the inauguration last year of Build Boston's Residential Design Convention and Tradeshow, a significant spin-off of Build Boston focusing on a critical market for architects (see pp. 8 & 11);
- the continuing investment in the editorial, circulation and advertising opportunities offered by our bimonthly ideas magazine, *ArchitectureBoston*;
- the development, in collaboration with the BAC, of the new Community Design Resource Center of Boston (see p. 11);
- the development of a pocket-size tourist-friendly guide to the last 75 years of Boston architecture;
- the continuing initiative to fund architectural research (see p. 7);
- the continued initiatives to enrich the cultural diversity of the profession, of those entering the profession, and of every aspect of BSA operations and programming;
- the expanded services of our legislative advisor and our public relations consultants retained to enhance architects' impacts on public policy and wider public appreciation of the impact of design on our lives;
- the enhancement of programs and services that address the needs of young designers with emphasis on special electronic communication tools, career services, the Young Designers Professional Development Institute, the new Young Designers Professional Development Fund, and the Membership Committee's popular and effective career programs;
- the continuing investment in the Civic Initiative for a Livable New England as a means of promoting smart growth and the expansion of Learning By Design in Massachusetts, the BSA's in-school training program for teachers and schoolchildren;
- the continued outsourcing of a broad variety of programs and services to ensure that the small BSA staff remains flexible enough to respond to new opportunities for members quickly; and
- the projection of a surplus to ensure the availability of funds for BSA building renovations, operating reserves, the impacts of significant downturns in the economy and other predictable and unpredictable events.





As the charts above reflect, only about 38% of the BSA's income is generated by members' dues; the balance is user fees and other program and service income. This low proportion of dues income is unusual and reflects the extraordinary effectiveness of BSA programming in generating revenue and enabling the BSA to function efficiently and effectively without significant annual dues increases.

For more information on or copies of the BSA operating budget, write/call Richard Fitzgerald at *rfitzgerald@architects.org*/617-951-1433x232.

Jim Dunn, CPA/Assoc. AIA, Treasurer

Barbara Simunda

Jim Dunn, Assoc. AIA

"Depressing, exhilarating, and overwhelming" is how BSA member Bill Barry AIA described his most recent trip to New Orleans as a volunteer with the Preservation Resource Center. A native of New Orleans, Barry has been representing his firm, Shepley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott, as a frequent participant in post-Katrina renewal efforts along the Gulf Coast. For current information on the status of these efforts, Barry recommends these resources: the Preservation Resource Center' Yahoo group called "Preserve New Orleans" (write *mkimball@prcno.org* for details); the Urban Land Institute website (*uli.org*) that includes recommendations on rebuilding New Orleans; and the Louisiana Recovery and Rebuilding Conference website (*louisianarecoveryandrebuilding.org*).

SAFETEA-LU is the acronym for the $286-billion reauthorization of the federal surface transportation funding legislation referred to as the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act — A Legacy for Users. It is reportedly the largest public works legislation in U. S. history and will be the largest driver of highway, bridge and transit projects for design and construction firms in this decade, according to ZweigWhite, the building industry consulting firm that has published an "insider's guide" to this new legislation (call 508-651-1559 for details). A full description of the legislation is on the Federal Highway Administration website at *fhwa.dot.gov/safetealu.*

Getting work is the focus of a new international series of design-firm dialogues about how to initiate and maintain an architectural practice. Called UpStarts, the intent is to survey the first years of practice to track the tactics of rapidly evolving methods of sustaining a practice. The first series is a dialogue among design firms in Rotterdam, Brussels and Melbourne. This service is provided by Archinect, according to BSA member Estelle Jackson, Assoc. AIA, and more information is available at *http://archinect.com/features.*

Small firms and sole practitioners have a new and less expensive way to pay for dental services, according to insurance advisor and BSA Corporate Affiliate member Gary Fradin. Called DENTALforME (*dentalforme.com*), this option is not dental insurance, which Fradin notes is often expensive and difficult for small firms and sole practitioners to acquire. Rather, DENTALforME offers dental-service discount cards for individuals ($79/year) and for families ($139/year). The discount card can be used to save 10%–40% of customary dental prices and can be used with hundreds of Massachusetts dentists for all procedures from cleanings and filling to root canals, crowns and orthodontia. Unlike insurance, there are no deductibles, no annual maximums, no paperwork. Visit the website for more information or call Fradin at 508-297-1408.

Residential design is the focus of *Cape Cod Magazine's* "2006 Architectural Design Contest". All design professionals are invited to submit work completed after June 1, 2003. The entry deadline is January 13 and the winning entries will be published in the April 2006 issue of *Cape Cod Magazine.* For contest guidelines, e-mail *editor@capecodmagazine.com.*

Do you want work in China? The American Trade Center in Beijing is organizing a U.S. pavilion at "China Building 2006", a building materials industry tradeshow running from February 28 to March 3 this year. American firms are invited to China for this event to promote the use of American goods and services. For details, e-mail Jing Wei (*jing.wei@mail.doc.gov* or Gary Stanley at *gary_stanley@ita.doc.gov.*

Value-based fee structures are the focus of the lead article in a recent issue of *DesignIntelligence*, the national practice newsletter. Underscoring the reality that setting design fees on the basis of direct labor costs — either on a time-&-materials or lump-sum basis — is no way to make a profit, the article focuses on value-based pricing, outcome-based pricing, investment-based approaches, and pricing strategies for new products and services. For a copy of this article (available only by mail), members in Massachusetts should send requests with a 60¢, 9" by 12" SASE to VBF/RF, BSA, 52 Broad St., Boston 02109; readers who are not yet members should include a $15 service fee payable to the BSA along with the 60¢ SASE. (For subscriptions to *DesignIntelligence,* call 770-209-3770.)

AIA Documents list is revised

The most current AIA Documents list and order form — including current prices for hardcopy and electronic documents — is available on the BSA website (architects.org/store) or write/call bsa@architects.org/617-951-1433x221 to request your free copy or mail/fax your name and address and request for the list and order form for hardcopy documents and for information on e-documents to the BSA, 52 Broad St., Boston 02109/fax 617-951-0845.

"Fenwick, Benton & Perkins. How may I direct your call?"

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Competitions/ Awards/Grants

BSA design awards programs/competitions/juried exhibits (see p. 10)...**Grants for environmental activists**; 1/15, 5/1 & 9/15 deadlines; N.E. Grassroots Environment Fund (802-223-4622/ *info@grassrootsfund.org*)...**"Luxury Living Awards"**; 1/20 entry deadline; *dthomas@hwmg.com*/617-292-7317 (HomeWorks Sourcebook)...**ASLA design awards program:** 2/10 entry deadline for professionals; 5/19 entry deadline for students; *asla.org* (American Society of Landscape Architects)...**Bench-mark Design Competition** for the creation of "artful places" in Westport MA; $2,500 cash prizes; 2/15 reg. deadline; *westportartscouncil.org*...**Greenstop Design Competition**; focusing on designs for green highway rest areas in California; 4/10 deadline; *greatvalley.org/greenstop* ...**"Green" grants**; Deutsche Bank Environmental Grants for nonprofits tackling urban revitalization and sustainability issues; rolling deadline; *cib.db.com/community* or *gary.s.hattem@db.com*...**Graham Fellowship in Design**; post-grad fellowship at the NEA; 202-682-5078 (Kristina Alg) or visit the website at *http://arts.endow.gov/learn/jobs/jobsmenu.html*...**Black female architecture scholars and other professional women** wanted; grants/fellowships of $2K–50K for black female scholars pursuing degrees in architecture and other professions; *aauw.org* and click on 'fellowships'...**Lyceum Fellowship** for architecture students; *lyceum-fellowship.org*... **Historic preservation grants**; Mass. Historical Commission/$300,000; 617-727-8470/*magnet.state.ma.us/sec/mhc* ...**Pre-development Assistance Program** funds to support early-stage economic development projects in Mass.; rolling deadlines; 800-445-8030 (Massachusetts Development Finance Agency)... **Victorian-era buildings awards** (exteriors or interiors), public places, open spaces, etc.); Jack Grinold, 48 Greycliff Rd. Brighton MA 02135...**AIA Honors & Awards programs** including the Gold Medal, Kemper Award, Whitney Young Citation, Honorary AIA Membership, Design Honor Awards, 25-Year Award, Urban Design Awards, AIA College of Fellows, Honorary Fellowship, Thomas Jefferson Awards for Public Architecture, Young Architects Citation, Library Building Awards, Institute Honors, Architecture Firm Award, Henry Bacon Medal, Topaz Medallion for Education, Brick in Architecture Awards, Interior Architecture Awards, Concrete Masonry Design Awards, Cedar Design Awards, etc.; deadlines vary; 617-951-1433x221 (ask for the Annual Awards Schedule)... For details on the **American Architectural Foundation Richard Morris Hunt Fellowship** and numerous AIA-related fellowships and scholarships for minorities/disadvantaged individuals, professional degree candidates, health facilities design, research and other purposes, including the RTKL Traveling Fellowship, call 202-626-7511... **"ArchVoices"**, the superb multi-layered electronic resource for young designers, also provides information on scholarships; *archvoices.org*...**Minority/Disadvantaged Scholarship program**; annual AIA/AAF Scholarships; 202-626-7511 (Mary Felber)...**Architectural grants/fellowships/scholarships resources**; the Foundation Center Library/Associated Grantmakers of Mass.; 617-426-2606... **Aga Khan Award**, Program Procedures, 32 Chemin des Crets-de-Pregny, CH-1218 Grand Saconnex, Geneva, Switzerland ($500K in prizes; rolling deadlines)...**Student competitions:** programs & deadlines vary; 202-626-7472 (AIAS); 212-924-7000 (NIAE); 202-785-2324x2 (ACSA/Wood Products Council); DuPont Benedictus Design Competition; 202-628-0448 (ACSA)...**Fulbright grants** for architects and urban planners; *iie.org/cies*; 202-686-4000 (fax 202-362-3442)... **NEA design project grants**; 202-682-5400...**The MacDowell Colony** residency for architects; 1/15, 4/15 & 9/15 seasonal deadlines; 603-924-3886/*macdowellcolony.org*...**Peace Corps assignments** throughout the world; rolling deadlines; *peacecorps.gov*...**"ArchitectureWeek Calendar"** (*architectureweek.com*) includes an online listing of design competitions... **"Competitions"** magazine reports regularly on design competition results; for a subscription, call 502-451-3623.

Workshops/ Conferences

Build Boston's **Residential Design 2006**; 4/4–5/06; second annual BSA convention/tradeshow focusing on residential design with workshops, product and material exhibits, public hours; for exhibit, advertising and sponsorship opportunities, call 800-996-3863 (Brian Keefe)... **Build Boston 2006**; 11/14–16; 200 workshops/award-winning design exhibits/350 product exhibits/ 14,000 design and construction professionals/the awards celebration and clients networking extravaganza; for exhibit, advertising and sponsorship opportunities, call 800-996-3863 (Brian Keefe)...**Yestermorrow Design/Build School** courses; Sep–Mar; *yestermorrow.org*...**Building/construction/architecture professional-development programs;** Northeastern Univ.; Dec–Mar; 617-373-2400/*ace.neu.edu/bca*...**Conway School of Landscape Design** information session: 2/11; 413-369-4044... **IESNA Centennial Conference**; 1/8–10, New York City; **IES workshops/programs**: LED Updates (2/8); *iesnewengland.com*...**Neighborhood Planning and Design in Mass.** (1/17, Boston); **AIA Contracts in Connecticut** (1/20, Hartford); **Fundamentals of Construction Contracts: Understanding the Issues in New Hampshire** (1/24), **Comprehensive Construction Law in Mass.** (1/27); co-sponsored by the BSA and Lorman Education Services; *lorman.com* (see p. 3)...**AutoCAD Certificate Program**; Wentworth Institute of Technology; 617-989-4309...**Wentworth Institute** professional and continuing studies programs; 617-442-9010x446... **IIDA New England programs**: Boston (617-482-3232, Dianne Dunnell); Hartford/Springfield (860-659-1010 x2380, Stevanie Demko); Portland/Portsmouth (207-671-4973, Pam Napolitano)... **Planning/Zoning Appeals Boards** training sessions; Citizen Planner Training Collaborative; *umass.edu/masscptc*/413-577-3642...**Zoning clinics**; every Tues., 8 am–4 pm; Boston Plans & Zoning Unit (5th fl), 1010 Mass. Ave., Boston (617-635-5300x1300)... **Northeastern University** Center for Continuing Education Building Design and Management courses; 617-320-8000...**Jewish Vocational Service** career, job-hunting and related workshops; 617-965-7940...**Women's Educational and Industrial Union** career services workshops and other services on job-hunting and other career issues; 617-536-5657... **BU Program for Real-Estate Studies**; 617-353-3013...**Real-estate management** courses; *irem.org*.

Exhibits/Lectures/ Tours/Events

BSA Lecture Series (see p. 1 and *architects.org/lectureseries*)...**BSA exhibits** (see p. 7)...**Mass. Building Congress** luncheon program: 1/12; 978-921-9222... **Alex MacLean's aerial photographs**; exhibit through 1/22; Peabody Essex Museum, Salem; 978-745-9500... **Northeastern's design lecture series**: Stephen Chung AIA (1/30); Aquiles Gonzales (2/13); Charlie Cannon (2/27); Phil Enquist + Richard Tomlinson (3/27); *architecture.neu.edu*/617-373-4637...**Int'l Illumination Design Awards Program**; *iesnewengland.com*...**Museum of Science** lecture series: 617-589-0419...**Black Heritage Trail** (year-round; 617-742-5415...**SPNEA programs and Gropius House tours** (year-round); 617-227-3956...**MIT Museum** exhibit of the work of Doc Edgerton; 617-253-4405 ...**Historic architectural drawings** exhibit at the Library of Congress; 800-551-7328 ...**"The Four Shapes of Boston: 1630 to the Present"** and **"The Reshaping of Boston: The Contemporary City"**; two slide-lectures on Boston's architectural history available to rent (with speaker); 617-367-2345...**Art & architecture tours** of the BPL; 617-536-4000x212...**Moakley Courthouse public tours**; first Tues. monthly, 1:00 pm; Rebecca Ulanoff (617-748-9633); docent volunteers are sought for the "Discovering Justice" tour program; call 617-748-9633.

More resources and opportunities

The BSA/AIA is, among many other things, an information resource. The BSA website includes information on awards, grants, scholarships, resources for career enrichment, continuing education, resources for your practice, and links to many publications.

Visit architects.org, *click on 'Resources for architects'.*

People & Firms

Andrea Leers FAIA recently served as a juror for the national AIA Interiors Awards Program...**Hacin + Associates**' design of a Newton residence was featured in recent issues of *Boston Magazine* and *Renovation Style*...Goody Clancy's **David Dixon FAIA** was the subject of an interview recently on New England Cable News focusing on opportunities and challenges inherent in the rebuilding of New Orleans; Dixon served as one of the national panelists in Louisiana's Recovery and Rebuilding Conference in November; Dixon also chaired the recent conference in Washington DC on the role of transit in building 21st-century communities, was a guest lecturer for AIA Baltimore on reinventing the urban village, a guest speaker at the AIA Conference on Design for Education in Hartford, and published an article in the *Fordham Law Review* on the continuing impact of the 9/11 tragedy on America's cities; Larissa Brown AICP was the keynote speaker at the annual meeting of the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission in Fitchburg, participated in the AIA Sustainable Development Assessment Team visiting Pittsfield, and spoke on smart growth to the North Central Massachusetts Association of Realtors, also in Fitchburg; **Christine Scott, APA, Assoc. AIA** was the guest speaker on forging new communities at the Urban Women Conference in St. Louis...**Hammer Architects**' designs for new residences on Cape Cod are featured in the current issue of *Cape Cod View* magazine and in James Grayson Trulove's book, *The New Wood House*...

Gregor Smith, Assoc. AIA and **Andrew St. John AIA** have established a new firm, Smith + St. John, a collaboration of real-estate professionals providing comprehensive development and project management services to clients in every real-estate sector; the firm is located at 76 Forest Ave., Essex MA 01929; *astjohn@smithstjohn.com*...**Catalano Architects**' design of a residence in Wayland was featured on the cover of *New England Home* magazine's premier issue (September/October 2005)...**DiNisco Design Partnership** reports that Neil McCann has joined the firm as a project architect...**DiMella Shaffer** reports that BSA student member **Caroline Petrovick** has joined the firm's architectural team and Joanne Giannini and Buck Sleeper have joined the firm's marketing team as, respectively, proposal manager and marketing manager...**Ellen Anselone AIA** and **Jeffrey Garriga AIA** have been named senior associates at Finegold Alexander + Associates...**Brian Baer AIA** of Ganek Baer Architects recently received his NCARB certification through the relatively new "broadly experienced architect" process established by NCARB...**Olson Lewis Dioli & Doktor Architects** is celebrating its 25th anniversary...**Spagnolo Gisness & Associates**' team of staff members and clients raised over $3,000 as participants in the annual Making Strides Against Cancer Walk around the Charles River in October... Edward Ransom, NOMA recently joined PMA Consultants as a senior associate... **Shepley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott** reports that several staff members were recent guest speakers at a variety of conferences including **Elizabeth Ericson FAIA** at the Tradelines academic science buildings conference in Maine, **Carole Wedge AIA** at the AIA New England Annual Conference in Concord, **Jonathan Gyory AIA** at the Healthcare Design 05 conference, and many staff members participated in Build Boston workshops in November (**Juann Khoory AIA**, **Elise Woodward AIA**, **Angela Watson AIA**, **Carole Wedge AIA**, **Wagdy Anis AIA**, **Elizabeth Ericson FAIA**, Jessica Smith, **Kevin Triplett AIA**, **Ron Finiw AIA**, **Ralph Jackson FAIA**, and **Tim Twomey, Esq. AIA**); the firm's projects and articles by staff members have appeared recently in Information Outlook (**Carole Wedge AIA** and **Janette Blackburn AIA** on library design), *The Chronicle of Higher Education* (focusing on the Barret Library at Rhodes College), and *Searcher Magazine* (an interview with **Geoffrey Freeman AIA**); **Arto Kurkjian AIA** has been elected to the board of directors of the BAC and Deborah Johansen is now a member of the SMPS education committee...Recent issues of *Banker & Tradesman* have included an editorial by BSA vice-president **Hubert Murray AIA** on the need to pursue the notion of an "urban ring", the decades-old transit idea of a highway circling the city of Boston in order to connect its neighborhoods and connect people and jobs, and an article by architecture critic **Jeff Stein AIA** on the process of architecture school re-accreditation...In recent issues of the *Boston Business Journal*, **Arthur Cohen AIA** writes on the challenges of designing biotech labs and the paper includes an in-depth profile of **Bob Hoye AIA**...Recent issues of *Architectural Record* have included **Robert Campbell FAIA**'s essay on transportation-related lessons to be learned from Hurricane Katrina and articles on the work of **Ann Beha Architects** (the Delaware Art Museum), **Maryann Thompson Architects** and Reed Hilderbrand (the Arnold Arboretum outdoor classroom), and **Moshe Safdie and Associates** (the Crystal Bridges Museum in Arkansas and, with SOM, Ben Gurion Airport terminal 3 in Tel Aviv)...In recent issues of *The Boston Globe Magazine*, columnist **Tom Keane, Hon. BSA** writes on the distinctions between Wal-Mart and Target and the magazine highlights the design of artists' lofts at BrickBottom by **Centrepoint Architects**; and in other issues of the *Globe*, **Robert Campbell FAIA** writes on Chicago's Millennium Park (a strikingly successful model of urban design with possible lessons for the Rose Kennedy Greenway), the design of Wellesley College's new Wang Campus Center by Mack Scogin Merrill Elam, and the renovation of Baker Library at the Harvard Business School by Robert A.M. Stern FAIA and **Finegold Alexander + Associates**.

Arshag Merguerian AIA

(excerpted from a report in The Boston Globe)

Arshag Merguerian AIA died in November at 79. He was born and raised in Jerusalem's Armenian community, where his father worked as an architect and engineer. While he was in architecture school in Beirut, the 1948 Arab/Israeli war erupted and, separated from his family in Jerusalem, Merguerian made his way to the U.S. to study architecture. He earned his graduate degree in architecture at Harvard and later worked with the Boston firms of Hoyle, Doran & Berry and Shepley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott before establishing his own practice in Wellesley. For nearly 30 years, Merguerian was a member of the Wellesley Historic District Commission and Design Review Board. During his career he designed homes and commercial buildings but was particularly drawn to church architecture; he designed St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church in Indian Orchard and participated in the renovation of St. Stephen Church in Watertown. A memorial service was held in November.

New Work

Warren Freedenfeld & Associates has completed design of the Plymouth Animal Hospital...**Siemasko + Verbridge** has completed design of a new branch bank for Beverly National Bank in Danvers...**John M. Rossi, Assoc. AIA** in collaboration with **THEREdesign** has completed the masterplan design, space program, and retail brand strategy for North American Warhorse, the largest power sports dealer in the eastern U.S.... **Margulies & Associates** has completed interior renovations for The Coyle Company in Waltham...**Olson Lewis Dioli & Doktor Architects** is renovating and building an addition to an academic wing at St. Michael's Country Day School in Rhode Island...**Monastero & Associates**' recent and current work includes a retail shop for The Preservation Society of Newport County's historic mansion, The Breakers, and new contracts with the City of Cambridge's Best Retail Practices and Facade Improvement Programs and the City of Boston's Main Streets Program...**Leers Weinzapfel Associates**' current work includes the Arlington Street Station for the MBTA and a new county courthouse in Howard County MD...**Hacin + Associates**' current work includes the new headquarters for Project Place in Boston's South End and a 100-unit condo building on Congress Street in Boston...**The Architectural Team** is designing two residential developments in Haverhill for Beacon Communities Development including Haverhill Lofts condos and a

Etty Padmodipoetro AIA *(above), director of urban design for Stull and Lee, has been named a Loeb Fellow at Harvard GSD*

Kelley Banks

McConnell + Partners *has named Heather Holub (above) an associate of the firm*

Karen Fagley

Berton Bremer AIA *(above) is now a licensed architect in Massachusetts*

Ben Chaung

Tsoi/Kobus & Associates *reports that Kate Wendt IIDA (above) has joined the firm as director of interiors*

146-unit apartment building and is also designing a conversion of a former mattress factory in Chelsea into residential lofts...**Architectural Resources Cambridge** is designing a classroom and office building for the Arnold School of Public Health at the University of South Carolina and an addition to the Leeds School of Business at the University of Colorado/Boulder...**Bruner/Cott** is designing the rehabilitation of the interior of the former Hartford Times Building for the Wadsworth Athenaenum Art Museum and, in association with Moore Ruble Yudell, is the architect for the new MIT Sloan School of Management campus, which will bring the Sloan School faculty under one roof with colleagues in the Economics Department...**DiMella Shaffer** is designing the new residence facility at Bridgewater State College...**Ganek Baer Architects** is designing a masterplan for St. Jeanne D'Arc in Lowell and is renovating and designing an addition to Steven's Hall at the Hillside School in Marlborough...**TRO/The Ritchie Organization** is renovating the infrastructure and modernizing the facade of the Cooper Green Hospital in Birmingham AL...**Shepley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott**'s recent and current work includes new projects at Hebrew Union College, the Belk Library and Information Commons at Appalachian State University, Barret Library at Rhodes College, two residence halls at Amherst College, the Holocaust and Human Rights Center at the University of Maine/Augusta, a replacement hospital in Illinois (with Loebl Schlossman & Hackl) for Sherman Health, and planning/masterplanning projects for Eastern Virginia Medical School, Xavier University, the University of Louisville Hospital, the University of Denver, and Middlebury College...**Goody Clancy**'s current and recent work includes expansion of Central European University's business school, a comprehensive neighborhood plan for Central Hampton Boulevard around Old Dominion University in Norfolk VA, and smart-growth planning for Aquidneck Island for the U.S. EPA...**William Rawn Associates** is designing a new recital hall at Bowdoin College.

Corporate Affiliate News

Consigli Construction Co. and Bruner/Cott have completed the renovation/conversion of Harvard's Quadrangle Recreational Athletics Center as the new home of Harvard's Dance Program; the company is working with the Institution Recycling Network to provide aid for communities in countries such as Jamaica and Nicaragua...**Richard White Sons**' recent and current work includes the Harvard Business School's Wyss renovation project with the Baker Design Group, the below-grade lateral expansion of Brimmer & May School's Chase Building with Imai Keller Moore, and MIT's new physics and department of material science headquarters, labs, and classrooms with Payette and Imai Keller Moore...**R. W. Sullivan Engineering**'s recent and current work includes the University of Rhode Island Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences and Columbia University's observatory with Payette, Northeastern University institutional advancement projects with Cambridge Seven, the University of Maine Holocaust and Human Rights Center with SBRA, Brigham & Women's Hospital patient transport project with Trapani & Associates, NSTAR Building A corridor renovations with Helene Karl Architects, the Milton Medical Office Building second-floor fit-out with Steffian Bradley Architects, and 25 Locust Street in Haverhill with The Architectural Team...**Whitney Veigas** has designed and supplied signs for the newly renovated YWCA/Clarendon Street residences and exterior campus signs for Deutsches Altenheim in West Roxbury and Barry Controls in Hopkinton...**Advanced Signing**'s current work includes exterior and interior signage in space designed by Visnick & Caulfield for Accellent in Wilmington, exterior and interior signage with Gamble Design for Boston Scientific's Marlborough campus and signage for Liberty Mutual renovations at 175 Berkeley Street in Boston with **Lee Kennedy Co.** and Jung/Brannen...**Bond Brothers**' recent and current projects include a transition reliability project for NSTAR, the Haberlin Hall addition for the College of the Holy Cross with EYP, an addition to the Schneider building at Brandeis with Kyu Sung Woo Architects, the Hope Lodge addition/renovation for the American Cancer Society with CBT, a utility systems renewal and upgrade for Brown University with the WM Group, preconstruction services for the southeast residential community at the University of New Hampshire with JSA Architects, the northwest science building and chiller plant for Harvard's Faculty of Arts & Sciences with SOM, the Isham dormitory for Phillips Academy with Finegold Alexander + Associates, the Dana Athletic Center expansion for Bentley College with Jeffrey Millman Associates and ADD Inc, the Andover Research Center expansion for Eisai Research Institute with Ellenzweig Associates, and a pump station upgrade for Genzyme with Rizzo Associates...**A. J. Martini Inc.**'s recent and current work includes the new Chinatown Community Educational Center in Boston with Bruner/Cott, renovation of an existing building for classroom, office, library and gym use The Atrium School in Watertown, exterior restoration of 330 Stuart Street in Boston and tenant build-out for Liberty Mutual at that address with Gensler, and renovation of the McConnell Building in Dover NH; Ron Rich recently served as event chairman for the Build New England Awards Program hosted by AGC of Massachusetts in October...**Carol R. Johnson Associates**' recent and current work includes conceptual design services for Bowdoin College for the site of a new hockey rink and its entry drive and related elements, a new soccer field on campus, and schematic site design and design development services related to the conversion of Curtis Hall into a recital facility, site programming and planning for The Highlands Center on Cape Cod, a landscape masterplan for the 100 Pennsylvania Ave. office building in Framingham as a consultant to REIT Management & Research, site design for the new oral sciences building at UNC/Chapel Hill's dental school as a consultant to FLAD & Associates, landscape and site plan for a new U.S. consulate compound in Mexico with EYP, and a conceptual streetscape plan to link a series of wharf buildings in Boston's Fort Point Channel with BH+A...**C.E. Floyd** has been honored for its work on the Pingree School with an ABC of Massachusetts excellence in construction award and spirit award; Olson Lewis Dioli & Doktor designed the addition...**Erland Construction** has completed interior and exterior renovations of three office buildings at 200 Ballardvale Street in Wilmington with ADD Inc for Griffin Properties...**Geller DeVellis**' recent and current work includes site design, digital site modeling, photo imaging and 3D animations for a new lifestyle shopping center in Reading MA for WS Development, schematic design services for landscape improvements at the Winchester Country Club, design services for the renovation of the Geppi-Aikens Field at Loyola College in Baltimore, and design services with Cambridge Seven for a field renovation at Westfield State College; Anthony LaBella has joined the firm as a project engineer...**Gilbane** is working with Flansburgh Associates on the renovations of Salem High School, the first CM-at-risk public school project in Massachusetts under the new construction-reform legislation...**Judith Nitsch Engineering** is providing civil engineering and sustainable design services for a new science building at The Richard Stockton

***Macomber Builders** recently announced the promotions of (above, left to right) Robert Haidul to project superintendent, Robert Dooley to project manager, and Kristina Wyand to project manager...photos by Stephen Maclone*

Catalano Architects

***Catalano Architects** reports that Carice Pingenot (above) has joined the firm*

PJ Roscoe

***Bond Brothers** reports that Joseph Kenick (above) has joined the firm as senior estimator*

Frank Siteman

***A.J. Martini Inc.** reports that Stephen Edsall (above) has been appointed vice-chair of the AGC of Massachusetts Safety Committee*

Steve Saling

***Copley Wolff Design Group** has announced that Steve Saling (above) has joined the firm as a landscape architect*

***Ellenzweig Associates** has designed the University of Chicago's Center for Integrative Science (left)... photo by Bruce Van Inwegen Photography*

***Goody Clancy** has been honored with design awards for the Dreyfus Chemistry Labs at MIT, the Burton Morgan Center for Entrepreneurship at Purdue, the new Wheeling Federal Building and U.S. District Courthouse in West Virginia, and the restoration and expansion of Trinity Church in Boston (right)... photo of the undercroft by Peter Vanderwarker*

***Architectural Resources Cambridge** has completed design of the athletic and fitness center (left) at St. Paul's School in New Hampshire...photo by Warren Patterson*

***Wilson Architects'** historic renovation/conversion of an 1863 stable designed by John Hubbard Sturgis into a wine-tasting room (right) was featured in a recent issue of* Victorian Homes *magazine...photo by Len Rubenstein*

College of New Jersey as a subconsultant to EYP; Lisa Brothers P.E. has been elected to the BAC board of overseers; Jonathan Ford P.E. has received a Knight Fellowship in Community Building at the University of Miami School of Architecture...**Payton Construction Corp.**'s recent and current work includes lobby corridor renovations on the 40th floor of One Boston Place for CB Richard Ellis, renovation and building infrastructure upgrades to the biomedical labs at Brown University with Lerner/Ladds + Bartels, a living and learning center of the Worcester campus of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and the Raizes Student Center at Lesley University with Prellwitz Chilinski Associates; the company and Andrew Cohen Architects were honored with an AGC Build New England Award for their work on the Springstep Center for Traditional Dance & Music...**J. Calnan & Associates**' recent and current work includes renovations and additions for Instron Corp.'s relocation to the Norwood Industrial Park with Spagnolo Gisness and AHA Engineering, a multi-phased project for Mathworks in Natick with Sasaki Associates and AHA Engineering, a multi-phased project for GE Sensing in Billerica with ADD Inc, Eastern Bank projects in Stoneham and Natick with Financial Concepts, CM services for TJX's corporate offices with Jung/Brannen, Aviva Insurance Group with ADD Inc, Viega with Spagnolo Gisness & Associates, fit-out for Houghton Mifflin in New York City with Sasaki Associates, Notre Dame Academy with Habeeb & Associates, and NESN's corporate offices and production studios with Visnick & Caulfield...This year's **Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)** design and construction awards honored the MASCO Building (MASCO, Meredith & Grew and Arrowstreet), One Technology Place (Perry/Rockland, A.W. Perry Inc., and Tsoi/Kobus), 200 State Street (Beacon Capital Strategic Partners/200 State Street Property/Marketplace Center Associates, CB Richard Ellis-N.E. Partners, James F. Sullivan, Sr., and the WZMH Group), 500 Boylston Street (Five Hundred Boylston West Venture-Hines and Equity Office Properties and John Burgee Architects with Philip Johnson), 53 State Street (WFP 53 State Street & Brookfield Properties, Olympia & York, and the WZMH Group), and the BOMA Boston Building of the Year, 100 Cambridge Street (MassDevelopment/Saltonstall Building & Redevelopment Corp., CB Richard Ellis-N.E. Partners, and Elkus/Manfredi Architects).

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BSA president Jane Weinzapfel FAIA and the BSA board of directors welcome new Corporate Affiliate member **Keohane Construction Company** (design and construction services specifically tailored for residential additions and renovations). For details on Corporate Affiliate membership, visit *architects.org/membership* or write/call Kate Miller at the BSA (*kmiller@architects.org*/617-951-1433x228).

***FBN Construction Co.** reports that Paul Lambe (above) has joined the company as project development and marketing manager and Jessica Ryan (below) has joined the company as an executive assistant... photos by Shelley Harrison*

***Skanska USA Building** has promoted Steve Eustis (above) to senior VP and account manager*

SEi Companies

***SEi Companies** reports that James Polando P.E. (above) has joined the firm as a senior associate and senior project manager*

New AIA Members

Nicholas J. Koulbanis AIA
Tsoi/Kobus & Associates
Brett D. Lambert AIA
ADD Inc
Warren J. Mathison AIA
Moshe Safdie and Associates
Dawn K. McConaghy AIA
O'Neil Pennoyer Architects

Reinstating AIA Members

Walter A. Fuller AIA
CBI Consulting
*Stephen B. Lewis AIA
Gorman Richardson Architects

New Associate AIA Members

Zarak Ali, Associate AIA
BAC graduate
Priscilla J. Harcourt, Associate AIA
BAC graduate
Daniel L. Nauman, Associate AIA
Perkins + Will
Gregory C. Smith, Associate AIA
ADD Inc

* AIA Central Massachusetts

New Corporate Affiliates

Keohane Construction Company
(design and construction services specifically tailored for residential additions and renovations)

New Professional Affiliates

Kristen Baer
Azek Trimboards
Eileen Katz
Brewster Consulting Group

New Student Affiliates

Boston Architectural Center
Ryan Gaide
Caroline Petrovick
Price C. Taggart
Gregory E. Worth

Wentworth Institute of Technology
Katie Davis

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Imminent BSA deadlines

January 9
Registration deadline for 'Conversations on Architecture' (see p. 3)

January 11
Reservation deadline for the Corporate Affiliates/Professional Affiliates Reception (see p. 4)

January 13
Registration deadline for Women in Design 'Conversation' (see p. 4)

January 23
Registration deadline for Private-Sector Development Seminar (see p. 5)

February 10
Research Grants in Architecture application deadline (see p. 7)

March 1
Deadline for story-proposals for ArchitectureBoston

March 24
Build Boston workshop-proposal deadline (see p. 13)

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Deadlines for all 2006 BSA design awards, *research grants, design competitions, and related programs are on p. 10*

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and CEUs BSA committee/network meetings and other events provide all architects, members and nonmembers, with Massachusetts continuing education credits required for licensure; AIA members also receive AIA Learning Units. **All members and nonmembers are welcome at all BSA meetings and other events.**		**8:30 am** VectorWorks Users Group **Noon** *Membership Cte	**8:00 am** *ArchitectureBoston* editorial board (see p. 15) **Noon** *Executive Cte **6:00 pm** Alien Architects Roundtable *The X-ray is 110*	*** Lunch Meetings!** RSVP by 9:30 am on the day of the meeting to reserve lunch: 617-951-1433x221 800-662-1235x221 *bsa@architects.org*
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Noon *Indoor Air Quality Cte **6:00 pm** International Cte *Richard Nixon is 93*	**Noon** *Finance Wizards (see p. 4) **7:00 pm** Conversations on Architecture (see p. 3) *J.W. Root is 156* *Thomas Paine's "Common Sense" is 230* *The U.N. is 60*	**8:00 am** Cte on the Environment **Noon** *IT Wizards **6:30 pm** AllPlan Users Group (Bereznicki Assoc., 9 Wendell St., Cambridge) *The designated-hitter rule is 33*	**8:00 am** Historic Resources Cte **Noon** *Office Administration/ HR Wizards **6:00 pm** Reception for Corporate and Professional Affiliate Members (see p. 4)	**8:00 am** Construction Administration Roundtable
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